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ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE, August 2025

By Brad Webber

United States

To help people affected by the financial crisis of 2008, the Rotary Club of Summit County (Frisco) began serving a weekly dinner free of charge in the Colorado ski town. Sixteen years later, they haven't stopped. In January, the club and its partners served their 200,000th meal. "The housing and mortgage crisis deeply affected people in Summit County, so in November 2008 I went to a nonprofit in the county and asked the director what was needed to help people through it," says club member Deborah Hage. "For people displaced, living in their cars, or sofa surfing, there was no way for them to prepare meals with the food being distributed by the food banks and pantries." On a typical Tuesday night, 100 to 500 people — children, families, retirees, and even donors who simply enjoy the camaraderie — come together to share restaurant-quality dinners and good company.



Canada

Dogs are feeling especially lucky in the Yukon territory thanks to the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous, which bakes, packages, and sells pet treats to raise funds. The club's annual dog biscuit sale has generated about CA\$3,000 since it began three years ago. Proceeds benefit the Mae Bachur Animal Shelter and the Food Bank Society of the Yukon in Whitehorse. "This fundraiser brings Rotarians together for enjoyable social occasions in our various homes, and local people love the biscuits for their dogs," says Kevin Rumsey, immediate past president of the club. Rumsey's mother created the recipe, which includes pumpkin and peanut butter. "We always sell out," he adds. "We even deliver to people's homes."



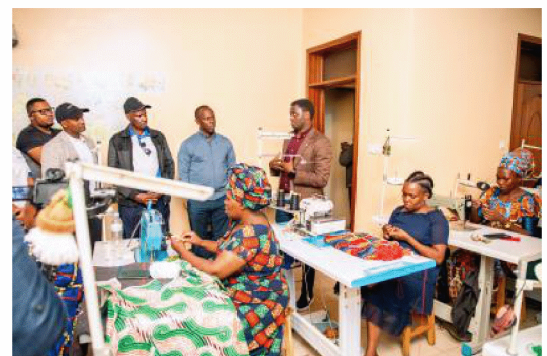
Greece

In December, the Rotary E-Club of Greece began delivering wheelchairs to archeological sites and museums throughout the country. Through May, the e-club and three other clubs — Halandri, Preveza, and Psychico — had distributed 17 wheelchairs valued at \$2,600. Benefiting institutions included the Aegean Maritime Museum on Mykonos, the Archaeological Museum of Patras, the ESIEPIN Press Museum, and the Museum of Cycladic Art. "This is a large-scale project covering almost all of Greece, with deliveries planned for 14 museums and archeological sites," says George Stavropoulos, immediate past president of the e-club.



Rwanda

The Rotary Club of Kigali Golf is passionate about more than just hitting the links. Within months of its formation, the club began supporting programs to foster entrepreneurship within the deaf community and other underrepresented groups. In November the club delivered more than a dozen sewing, knitting, and textile heat-press machines to the Rwanda National Union of the Deaf and to Empower the Future, an organization supporting mothers of former street children. The equipment, valued at about \$8,500, was paid for with member donations as well as a golf tournament (naturally). "We look forward to building a long-term partnership with the Rwanda Union of the Deaf, Empower the Future, and other organizations supporting marginalized communities," says Tabvi "Mellow" Motsi, a member of the club's public relations committee.



Korea

In March, the largest wildfires in Korea's history swept across the country's southeast, scorching nearly 120,000 acres and forcing more than 37,000 people to evacuate. Rotary districts swiftly assessed the needs and delivered food, water, hygiene kits, and other essential supplies to shelters and affected communities. Rotarians were able to reach even more people in need through \$100,000 in funding from The Rotary Foundation. Rotary members also assisted with clearing orchards and with home demolition in devastated areas. Some even provided heavy equipment, including to assist with reconstruction of the historic Gounsa temple in Uiseong. "Disasters like these strike without warning," says Ung Seop Jeong, immediate past governor of District 3590. "No one is truly prepared, but Rotary is always there for the community."



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Know your ROTARY

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of **Rotary International**, a global network of volunteers dedicated to solving some of the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Founded in 1917, its mission is to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, alleviating poverty, and protecting the environment. The Foundation's work is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision.

How it Works

The Foundation transforms donations into impactful service projects worldwide. A unique funding model ensures that over 90% of all contributions go directly to programs, with administrative costs covered by investment earnings. Funds are managed through a system called **SHARE**, which divides contributions into two main funds:

- **District Designated Funds (DDF):** A portion of the contributions from a Rotary district is returned to that district after three years. The district can then use this money to fund local and international projects.
- **World Fund:** The remaining funds are used for larger, global initiatives and to match the DDF contributions for global grants.

This structure empowers local Rotary clubs to address specific needs in their communities while also participating in larger-scale, international efforts.

Key Programs and Areas of Focus

The Rotary Foundation's work is centered around seven key areas of focus that address critical humanitarian issues. These areas guide the types of projects that can receive funding through the Foundation's grant programs.

1. **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution:** Rotary trains peace fellows and supports projects that promote understanding and nonviolent solutions to conflict.
2. **Disease Prevention and Treatment:** This is most notably demonstrated through the PolioPlus program, a historic effort that has brought the world to the brink of polio eradication.
3. **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene:** The Foundation helps communities build and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and promotes good hygiene practices.
4. **Maternal and Child Health:** Projects in this area focus on improving access to quality healthcare for mothers and children, reducing infant and maternal mortality.
5. **Basic Education and Literacy:** The Foundation supports initiatives that strengthen communities' capacity to provide quality education and increase adult literacy.
6. **Economic and Community Development:** Projects aim to create opportunities for decent work and empower entrepreneurs, particularly in impoverished communities.
7. **Supporting the Environment:** The newest area of focus, it supports projects that protect natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

Congratulations!



PP Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta on being re-elected to the Management Committee of Calcutta Club for a third consecutive term. He will be in charge of House Building, Development and Maintenance.

Upcoming Projects

A Mega Health Check-up Camp will be organised on 24th August 2025 at Girish Park, Kolkata. Services will include general health check-ups, doctor consultations, and free distribution of general medicines. RCCNE in association with Hindu Mahasabha Sarbojanin Durga Puja Committee, Girish Park, will collaborate with Desun Hospital Kolkata to conduct the camp. The camp will be co-hosted by IWC Calcutta North East, IWC Girishpark Urbia, and IWC Chowringhee Queens.

Members are requested to attend.

Project Report - Dengue Defence

Rotary Club of Calcutta North East distributed 50 mosquito nets, supported by District to the beneficiaries in Boyal, Nandigram. We spread awareness on various diseases like dengue, filaria, malaria and others which are caused due to mosquito bites. President Rtn Angana Paul and Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy were the keynote speakers. Food packets were distributed to the beneficiaries. Members also visited a primary school Sishu Vidyapith to assess the requirement to renovate the school. Rotarians present were PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul, PP Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay, Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, Rtn Salil Kumar Chandra, Rtn Rathindranath Dey along with President Rtn Angana Paul.



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA NORTH EAST MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NO. 1628

Date : 31st July 2025

Venue : The Antelope, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700017

Call to Order

President **Rtn Angana Paul** called the meeting to order.

The National Anthem was led by **PP Rtn Subhasish Kar**, with all members joining in respect.

President's Address & Project Reports

President **Rtn Angana Paul** welcomed the club members and introduced the **District Theme for the Month : "Mother & Child."**

She reported that RCCNE had inaugurated Occupational Therapy Units for specially-abled children at **"Sabitri"** under the project **"Helping Hand"**. The President, Club Secretary, and **PP Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay** represented the club at the event.

RCCNE also participated in a Health Check-up Program organised by the **Rotary Club of Calcutta Labanhrad** at **Basanti Colony, Ultadanga**. The President received a felicitation from the hosting club.

A donation drive at **NRS Hospital's Paediatric Haematology Ward** was successfully completed on **25th July 2025**, where an LED TV, food packets, and painting materials were distributed. **PDG Rtn Angsuman Bandhopadhyay** and other district officials joined RCCNE for this initiative. The Department Principal and Additional Principal of NRS Hospital were felicitated during the program. From RCCNE, **the President, Club Secretary, PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul, and PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick** attended.

President's Announcements – Upcoming Projects

A visit is scheduled on **7th August 2025** to **Nadigram Jagaran Sanskriti Sanstha** for a **Dengue Awareness Campaign and Mosquito Net Distribution**. During the visit, a request for **renovation of their primary school, "Sishu Vidyapith"**, will also be reviewed through a site survey.

The President proposed starting an **Interact Club** at **The Scottish Church Collegiate School**. A preliminary discussion has taken place. RCCNE plans to meet the school authorities for a formal proposal. A **Green Environment Drive** will also be jointly organized with the school.

RCCNE will collaborate with the **Rotary Club of Madhyamgram** on their **"Olympiad"** initiative, aligned with Rotary International's focus on education and literacy.

An awareness campaign against plastic bags, proposed by **PP Rtn. Vivekananda Bhowmick**, was discussed. RCCNE will plan a **distribution drive of eco-friendly carry bags** in collaboration with the local municipal authority.

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The President also proposed a **fellowship trip** including all club members and their families, tentatively scheduled for **August or September 2025**.

Treasurer's Report (2024–25)

The President invited **Rtn Sukanta Khan**, Treasurer for 2024–25, to formally hand over the **club documents and accounts** to the new Treasurer for 2025–26.

Secretarial Business

Club Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy extended greetings and thanks to all members present.

He confirmed the **minutes of the previous meeting**, extended **birthday and anniversary wishes** to members and their families, and announced that the **next regular meeting** will be held on **14th August 2025**.

Conclusion

With no other business to address, President Rtn Angana Paul concluded the meeting and invited all members to join the fellowship gathering.

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Birthday Greetings

14 Aug : Suhrita Choudhuri, w/o Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri

15 Aug : Suvankhi, D/o Rtn Shubadip Roy

16 Aug : Ranvir, S/o Rtn Gurmeet Singh Sachar

21 Aug : Shelly Sachar, W/o Rtn Gurmeet Singh Sachar

25 Aug : Rajashree Chandra, W/o Rtn Salil Chandra

Wedding Greetings

15 Aug : Rtn Sujit & Indrani Dutt

15 Aug : Rtn Shubadip & Sohini Roy